THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Extension Work of Runway at Aurangabad Airport

5226. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of runway extension at Aurangabad Airport is still going on and if so, since when and what is the targeted date for its completion; and

(b) by when Airbus Flights are proposed to be started from this airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The work on extension of runway to 7500 ft. at Aurangabad airport commenced in September, 1994 and is expected to be completed by September, 1995. Indian Airlines has plans to operate Airbus 320 aircraft on completion of runway expansion work and associated payment development work.

Expansion of Vayudoot Services in States

5227. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the cities and towns presently connected by Vayudoot service;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to connect some more important cities and towns of Orissa with the adjoining cities and towns of the neighbouring states of Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh by Vayudoot service; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Vayudoot presently operates to the following station:—

1. Calcutta
2. Cooch Behar
3. Bagdogra
4. Silchar
5. Lilabari
6. Dibrugarh
7. Guwahati
8. Agartala
9. Aizwal
10. Zero
11. Tezu
12. Dimapur
13. Shillong

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Diversion of East-West Airlines Flight

5228. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the 'Indian Express' (Bombay) of May 25, 1994 regarding the diversion of East-West Airlines Madurai-Thiruvananthapuram - Bombay bound flight from its scheduled route of Kochi;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard and under what circumstances, for what purpose and under whose orders, the flight was diverted from its scheduled route causing great inconvenience and harassment to the passengers, particularly women and children and disruption in the schedule of the flights;

(c) whether Government have made any inquiry into the allegations made in this case; if so, what are the details of the inquiry and what action has been taken in pursuance thereof; and

(d) what remedial steps Government have taken or propose to take to prevent occurrance of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) On 21.5.1994, East West Airlines (EWA) operated its flight on Trivandrum-Cochin-Bombay route. In accordance with Aeronautical Information Circular 24 of 1990, EWA, an air taxi operator, was free to operate to any of the listed 93 aerodromes. The flight plan for the above operation was prepared in advance and had re-routing due to operational reasons. All the passengers were notified before the take-off of the flight. The flight was not diverted on the order of any passenger. Accordingly to EWA sufficient provision was made for meals for the passengers on this flight.

Re-introduction of Delhi—Bhubaneswar—Port Blair Air Services

5229. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for the re-introduction of Delhi — Bhubaneswar — Port Blair service plan;

(b) if so, the date from which the above air service would be re-introduced; and

(c) the steps taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Expansion of Runway of Bhubanaswer Airport

5230. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for the expansion and strengthening of the runway of the Bhubaneswar airport;

(b) whether additional land would be required for the purpose;

(c) if so, the total land proposed to be acquired for the purpose; and

(d) the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has a proposal to extend the present runway to 9000 feet. The State Government has acquired approximately 70 acres of land and handed it over to AAI.

यात्री निवास होटलों और मोटलों की स्थापना संबंधी प्रस्ताव

5231. श्री अजीत जोगी:
श्री मूलचन्द मीणा:

क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार केन्द्रीय क्षेत्र में कुछ यात्री निवास होटलों और मोटलों की स्थापना करने का विचार रखती है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा आठवीं और नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनाओं के लिए विभिन्न राज्यों हेतु इस संबंध में बनाई गई योजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आज़ाद): (क) केन्द्रीय पर्यटन विभाग "यात्री निवास" होटलों की स्थापना करने का विचार नहीं रखती है। तथापि, राज्य सरकारों को यात्री निवासों, मार्गस्थ सुख-सुविधाओं, पर्यटक परिसरों आदि का निर्माण करने के लिए केन्द्रीय वित्तीय सहायता रिलीज़ की जाती है।

(ख) केन्द्रीय पर्यटन विभाग के पास पर्यटन आधारिक संरचना का विकास करने के लिए एक स्कीम है। राज्य सरकारों को यात्री निवास, पर्यटक परिसर, मार्गस्थ सुख-सुविधाओं आदि का निर्माण करने के लिए विशिष्ट प्रस्तावों, परस्पर प्राथमिकताओं और धन की उपलब्धता के आधार पर केन्द्रीय वित्तीय सहायता दी जाती है।

नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना अभी पूर्ण नहीं हुई है।